

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

DARNELL WASHINGTON,)	CASE NO. 1:07 CV 15
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Plaintiff,)	JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER
)	
v.)	
)	<u>MEMORANDUM OF OPINION</u>
STATE OF OHIO, et al.,)	<u>AND ORDER</u>
)	
Defendants.)	

On January 3, 2007, plaintiff pro se Darnell Washington filed this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against the State of Ohio, Aaron Phillips, Bedford Heights Police Department and James Mendolra. The complaint asserts plaintiff's convictions in the Ohio Court of Common Pleas are "null and void under the United States Constitution." In particular, he alleges the evidence used to convict him was illegally seized pursuant to an unlawful search warrant. For the reasons stated below, this action is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.

A district court is expressly required to dismiss any civil action filed by a prisoner seeking relief from a governmental officer or entity, as soon as possible after docketing, if the court concludes that the complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or if the plaintiff seeks monetary

relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. §1915A; Siller v. Dean, No. 99-5323, 2000 WL 145167 , at *2 (6th Cir. Feb. 1, 2000).

The complaint explicitly challenges plaintiff's conviction. The Supreme Court has held that, when a prisoner challenges "the very fact or duration of his physical imprisonment, ... his sole federal remedy is a writ of habeas corpus." Preiser v. Rodriguez, 411 U.S. 475, 501 (1973). Further, absent allegations that criminal proceedings terminated in plaintiff's favor or that a conviction stemming from the asserted violation of his rights was reversed, expunged by executive order, declared invalid by a state tribunal, or called into question by a federal court's issuance of a writ of habeas corpus, he may not recover damages for his claim. Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477 (1994).

Accordingly, this action is dismissed under section 1915A. Further, the court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Dan Aaron Polster 3/19/07
DAN AARON POLSTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE